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Dear Fred:

I saw a brief note in Science indicating your participation in trying to rationalize research on biological warfare.

I want you to know that I share your deep concerns on this subject, and have referred to it repeatedly in my weekly column. I enclose a few examples.

I would like to ask you to keep me posted on important developments in British scientific politics relative to this subject, particularly if they do not appear or are incorrectly reported in places like Nature. I would also like to bring to your attention what I regard as the very important distinction between chemical and biological weapons.

With all best regards.

Sincerely yours,

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